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ACCENT

A MAGAZINE FOR AVILA COLLEGE ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS

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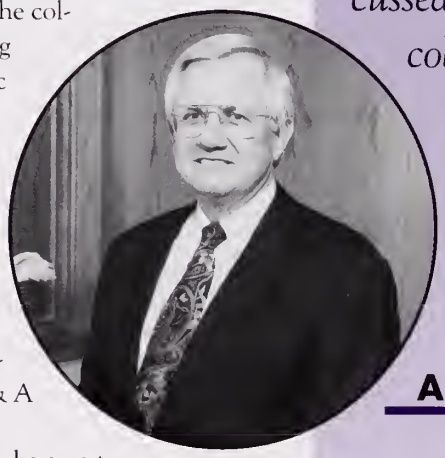
LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT

The 1999-2000 academic year is here. The students and faculty have returned, and the campus is bustling with activity.

We've put this issue of *Accent* together to keep you up to date on the Avila community. With our strategic plan (*Pathways to the Future: A Strategic Plan*), it is truly an exciting time to be at Avila. I know as friends and alumni, you are interested in keeping up to date on how the college is progressing with our strategic planning (see *Accent, June 1999*). I've attempted to answer some of your questions about one of the co-curricular programs in the Q & A section.



In this issue, be sure to read about Dr. Reulan Levin, who recently visited Senegal on a Fulbright Project. We have also included schedules for Goppert Theater, Thornhill Art Gallery, and our Fall Sports. Remember, you're always welcome to come to our events. You will also see a number of event dates in this issue, including the 16th Annual Avila College Golf Classic on October 26. We hope you will be able to attend.

This academic year promises to be filled with progress. We will continue to provide our new and continuing group of students with an outstanding, multi-faceted and accessible education. You have come to expect this from us, and we promise to continue our progress through the new millennium.

Sincerely,

Larry Kramer

Dr. Larry Kramer
President

Q&A

With Dr. Larry Kramer

How Will Football Effect Avila?

Dr. Larry Kramer, President of Avila College, recently discussed one of the college's most visible new programs, intercollegiate football with **Accent**.

ACCENT: Football is big news. Why football at Avila College?

DR. KRAMER: The football program will contribute to increased enrollment, residence population and on-campus activities. It is one of five new and five enhanced co-curricular and curricular programs scheduled for implementation.

AFTER OUR OWN EXPENSE AND REVENUE RESEARCH, WE BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD MOVE FINANCIALLY FOR AVILA COLLEGE.

A. How does this affect other athletic programs, particularly women's sports at Avila?

K. We now have four women's programs and three men's programs. This will give us four each for men and women. We have applied to the Heart of America Athletic Conference and they require colleges have football programs. Other conference members with whom we would be competing in all sports include colleges such as William Jewell, Benedictine, Baker and Mid-America Nazarene.

A. Is a football program a sound fiscal move for Avila?

K. Yes. We researched the program at other colleges of similar size and learned that football has benefited their enrollment and finances. After our own expense and revenue research, we believe this is a good move financially for Avila College. We also are approaching potential donors with the opportunity to help with this program as they have with campus renovations and new structures and programs in the past.

A. Will Avila's academic standards change with the introduction of football?

K. No, our academic standards will remain the same. We will recruit student athletes to the football program as we have to the other athletic programs. It's interesting to note that last fall the grade point average of our student athletes was 3.0. ■

RETIRING BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

After many years of service to Avila College on the Board of Trustees, four members celebrated a retirement from their duties. Thanking retiring members for their service were Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Sanders (far left), and Avila President Dr. Larry Kramer (far right). Retiring members are: (from middle left) Tom Gordon, Sister Jane Hassett, Kathleen Andrews and Sister Anne Kelly. ■

JUST A COINCIDENCE...?

At a recent recording session of the new Avila College musical jingle, the bass player commented "my father was the first male graduate of Avila College." A call to the graduate and conversations with long-time Avila staff members seemed to confirm this unusual coincidence.

Dr. Samuel Bliss, father of bass player Mike Bliss, attended night school at the College of Saint Teresa in 1960 and at the new Avila College campus until his graduation with a history degree in 1964. He also received two Masters degrees and a Ph.D. and was involved in education until his retirement in 1998.

Mike Bliss was part of a group of musicians featured on the new Avila College jingle (musical image) that is an original composition by Bob Walkenhorst of the Rainmakers. Two versions of the song - retro and country - were recorded at Chapman Recording Studios this past July.

The music and vocals will be used with Avila radio commercials. Avila was the first college in the Kansas City market to use a continuing program of radio spots directed to a primary audience of 13 to 18 year old prospective students. Students and faculty are often featured on the spots along with professional announcer Richard Ward Fatherley. The spots are written and produced by the Avila Community Relations department. ■

MAKING AVILA MUSIC ARE (FROM LEFT) JEFF RANDOLPH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS, KARL YEHLE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS, MIKE BLISS AND BOB WALKENHORST OF THE RAINMAKERS.

NEW AVILA COLLEGE BOARD OF COUNSELOR MEMBERS

The following individuals were elected to serve as new members of the Board of Counselors:

Earl Beall
Former General Manager of WDAF-TV

Georgia Erickson
Former Overland Park City Council Member

Yvonne Vasques-Rasquel
Director of LULAC (League United Latin American Citizens) National Education Service Centers, Inc. (serves Hispanic students grades 7-12)

Dr. Faith Wilson
President of St. Teresa's Academy

NEW AVILA COLLEGE BOARD OF COUNSELOR MEMBERS

AVILA PROFESSOR, DR. REULAN LEVIN, VISITS WEST AFRICA

Fulbright

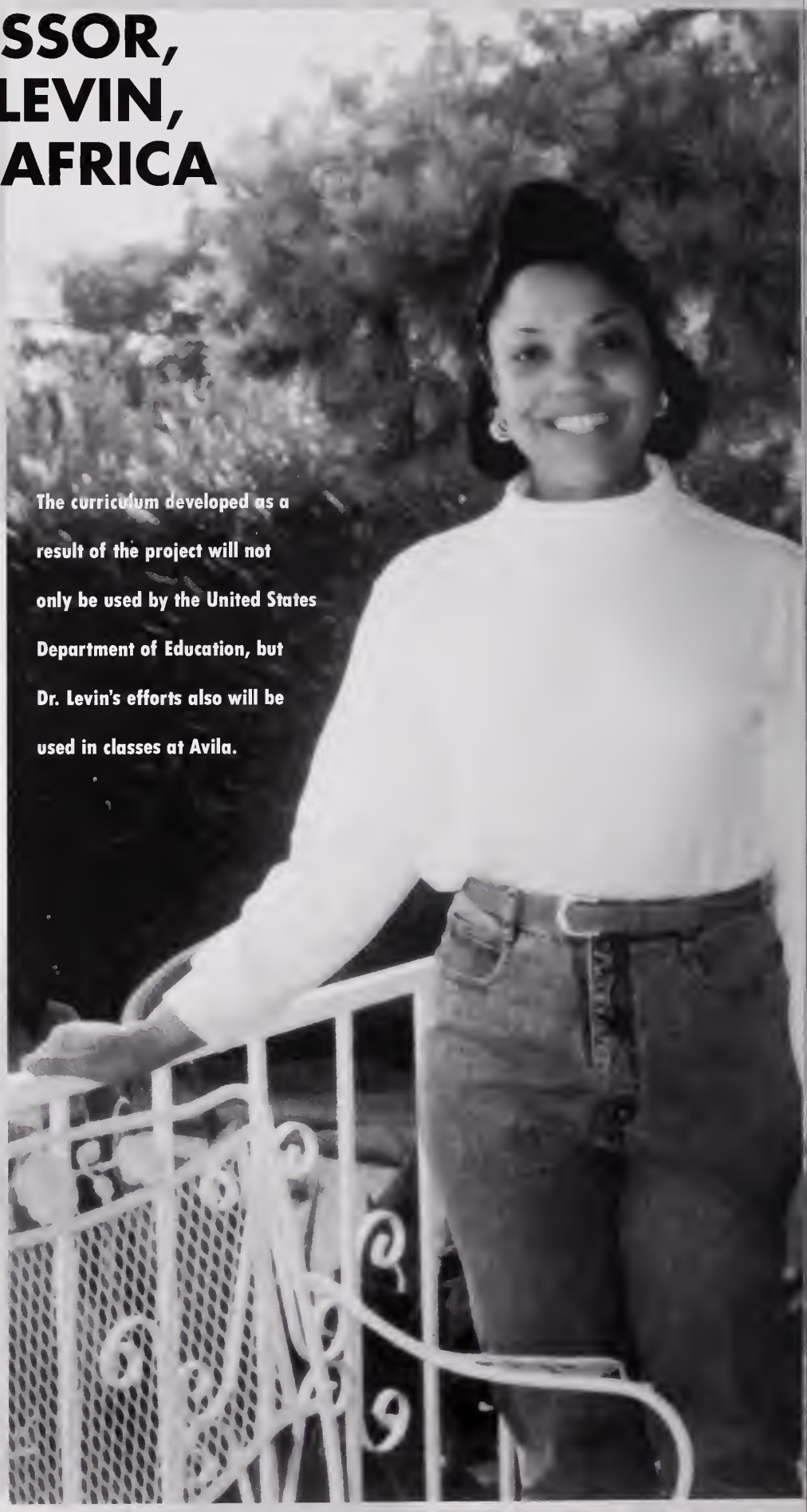
Dr. Reulan Levin, assistant professor in the Education Department at Avila, recently spent five weeks in Senegal, West Africa researching and developing curricula as a member of the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Team.

The curriculum developed as a result of the project will not only be used by the United States Department of Education, but Dr. Levin's efforts also will be used in classes at Avila. Her curriculum primarily will center around education and history with the topic being "Educational Challenge in Senegal."

One of 15 educators selected for the project (including alumni Patrick Wood, '93 & '96 and Linda Waxse, MA '83), Dr. Levin and her colleagues arrived in Dakar July 19, 1999 and departed August 20, 1999 for Kansas City. Each of the 33 days was filled with lectures from university faculties, field trips and home trips designed to enhance their knowledge of cultural, social and political structures and economic and developmental aspects of the country.

A main objective of the program was the development of curriculum units base on in-country experience. Team members of the Fulbright-Hays Group now are available to serve as lecturers and facilitators for schools, clubs, service organizations and other groups.

Dr. Levin has been a member of the Avila faculty since 1996. ■



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GIVING KIDS A CHANCE— UPWARD BOUND AT AVILA

Avila College, in conjunction with the United States Department of Education, formed a partnership with Grandview High School, Raytown High School, and Southeast High School to assist high school students who have college goals. The program is called "Upward Bound." Upward Bound students must meet United States Department of Education family income guidelines and/or they must be potential first-generation college students (neither parent graduated from a four-year college).

During the academic year, these students participate in weekly after-school tutoring sessions and Saturday morning academic activities, including workshops, field trips, and guest speaker presentations. During summer months, Upward Bound students participate in a six-week program where they live on the Avila College campus to get a preview of college life. Students enroll in skill enhancement classes, as well as participate in cultural activities designed to help college-bound students.

Students who participate in the Upward Bound program are four times more likely to complete a college education than students who do not participate.

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"This isn't just a recruiting program. We help students choose the best school to suit their needs. Before we collaborated with the Department of Education three years ago, our Executive Committee looked for alternative ways to fund the project — because we saw this as a valuable societal need. Truly, this is a community outreach program," says Brian Moore, Director, Upward Bound Program.

In June 1999, the Upward Bound Program at Avila College received a four-year renewal of its federal funding for the program. This was the first opportunity for the funding to be renewed since the program's inception in 1996. ■

HOMECOMING

Think of it!

This century was only 16 years old when Avila College was founded. Of course, the college and the campus have grown and changed dramatically over these 84 years.

That's one of the reasons we hope you'll take this final opportunity of the century to visit the place you once called home. (Of course, we'll invite you back in the year 2000, but that seems a long way off, doesn't it?)

Whether your own path lead through the campus of St. Teresa's or Avila College, and whether you were a student for one year or four, you have an anniversary to share with us.

If you graduated in 1939, '49, '59, '74, '89, or '94, we'll be honoring your class with special receptions and activities throughout the Homecoming Weekend.

Even if you are not a member of one of these special classes, there will be many activities for you and your family to enjoy.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, October 1, 1999

Noon	**Heritage Day Mass and Luncheon**
6:30 p.m.	**Dinner Theater, Goppert Theater** — Cost: $25 per person
7 p.m.	**Women's Volleyball Game vs. College of St. Mary,** Mabee Fieldhouse (Pep Rally immediately following)
7-9 p.m.	**Avila Art Show, Carrie Cronan, '97**, Thornhill Gallery
8 p.m.	**Curtain: "The Nerd" by Larry Shue**, Goppert Theater *(Theater performance alone is complimentary)*

Saturday, October 2, 1999

9 a.m.	**Mass**, St. Teresa's Academy Chapel Brunch following in Donnelly Hall, 5600 Main Honored Classes: 1939, 1949, 1959
10 a.m.	**Hall of Fame Inductions & Breakfast**, Dining Hall ($8 per person)
Noon - 3 p.m.	**Picnic Lunch**, Avila Grove
Noon	**Alumni Soccer Game** (Call 942-8400, ext. 2422 to sign up.)
Noon	**Campus Tours Begin**, Avila Quad
1 p.m.	**Women's Volleyball Game vs. York College**, Mabee Fieldhouse
2 p.m.	**Men's Soccer Game vs. Missouri Baptist College**
4 p.m.	**Women's Soccer Game vs. Missouri Baptist College**
5 p.m.	**Honored Class Receptions**, Alumni Lounge Classes 1939, 1949, 1959, 1974, 1989, 1994 (Class photos will be taken.)
6:30 p.m.	**Dinner Theater, Goppert Theater** — ($25 per person)
7 p.m.	**Women's Volleyball Game vs. Belleview University**
8 p.m.	**Alumni Athlete Gathering**, Coach's Grill — 414 West 103rd
8 p.m.	**Curtain: "The Nerd" by Larry Shue**, Goppert Theater Intermission: Cappuccino and dessert bar
8 p.m.	**Class Parties:** Watch mail for details!
8 p.m.-Midnight	**Homecoming Dance for Students**, Alumni, Friends and Family Avila Campus

Sunday, October 3, 1999

9 a.m.	**Mass, Orscheln Chapel**, Foyle Hall Alumni Recognition Ceremony
10:30 a.m.	**Continental Breakfast**, Hooley-Bundschu Library

Questions? For a list of accommodations or if you have any questions, please call **Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at (816) 942-8400 ext. 2200,** or e-mail ClarkME@mail.Avila.edu

October 1-3, 1999

GIVE US A CALL FORE GOLF!

There's still time to register for the 16th annual Avila College Golf Classic at **Loch Lloyd Country Club on October 26!** Fore information or to register, call (816) 942-8400, ext. 2200.

AVILA ENHANCES RE-ENTRY TO NURSING PROGRAM

In response to the nursing shortage and hospitals' need for nurses with recent experience, Avila College has enhanced the Re-Entry to Nursing Program. The Re-Entry program is designed to help RNs who have let their license lapse to become re-certified for the nursing profession, or for the current RN who would like to change an area of specialty.

The Re-Entry program now makes it possible for RNs to re-enter the field of nursing in a more accelerated manner. The program is now 16-18 weeks long, which includes 72 hours of classroom theory and 192 hours of clinical experience. Cost for the program is $1,300, and payment plan options are available.

THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM NOW MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR RNS TO RE-ENTER THE FIELD OF NURSING IN A MORE ACCELERATED MANNER.

The Re-Entry to Nursing classes consist of 8 weeks of theory from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The clinical experience follows the classroom work.

For more information or to register for the Re-Entry to Nursing program, contact Jacque Carpenter, Program Director, at (816) 942-8400 ext. 2406. ■

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AVILA'S NURSING PROGRAM

The Avila College Department of Nursing is seeking program accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Accreditation indicates that the program has been reviewed by the Commission and recognizes that the nursing program is viable and meets CCNE standards.

Public feedback about the nursing program, students or graduates is invited. Signed, written comments may be sent to:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW
Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120

The deadline for submission is February 1, 2000.

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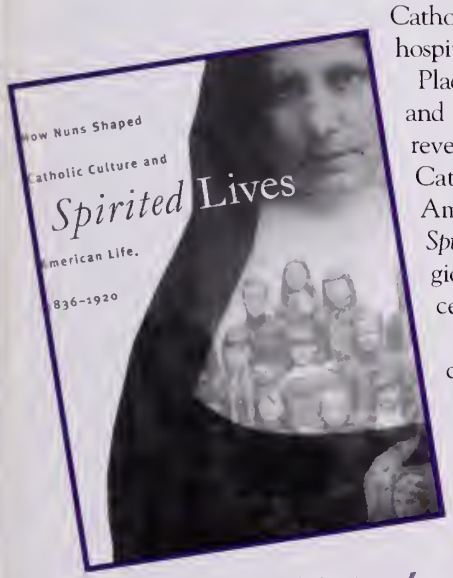
AVILA PROFESSORS AUTHOR "SPIRITED LIVES"

Avila College's Chairperson of Humanities, Dr. Carol Coburn and Professor Emerita of History, Martha Smith, C.S.J., have published a new book, *Spirited Lives: How Nuns Shaped Catholic Culture and American Life, 1836-1920.*

Spirited Lives focuses on the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (the founders of Avila College), exploring how nuns directly influenced the lives of millions of Americans, both Catholic and non-Catholic, through their work in schools, hospitals, orphanages, and other social service activities.



Placing nuns into the mainstream of American religious and women's history for the first time, Spirited Lives reveals their critical impact on the development of Catholic culture and, ultimately, the building of American society. A rich and multifaceted narrative, *Spirited Lives* illuminates the intersection of gender, religion, and power in nineteenth- and early twentieth-century America.

To order *Spirited Lives* for $19.95 (paperback), please call: The University of North Carolina Press, at 1-800-848-6224. ■

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The Avila College Mission Statement

Avila College is a value-based community of learning, Catholic, coeducational and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In a climate respecting the worth and dignity of each individual, the college provides liberal arts, professional undergraduate and graduate education for students' responsible life-long contributions to the contemporary world.

The Avila Community Values

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- The Catholic identity of the college
- The sponsorship and contributions of the Sisters of St. Joseph
- The worth, dignity, and potential of each human being
- Diversity and its expression
- Commitment to the continual growth of the whole person
- Interaction with and service to others

Support the Eagle Club!

Become an Eagle fan by supporting athletics at Avila College. And you can follow the Eagles on-line at www.Avila.edu. For more information on how you can help, contact **Nick Totta, Assistant Athletics Director, at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2234.**

Fall Sports Schedules

Volleyball

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Fri./Sat	9/3-4/99	TBA	St. Ambrose	Davenport, Iowa
Fri./Sat.	9/10-11/99	TBA	Baker University	Baldwin City, Kan.
Fri.	**9/17/99**	**7:00 pm.**	**York College**	**Home**
Sat.	**9/18/99**	**2:00 p.m.**	**Newman University**	**Home**
Tue.	**9/21/99**	**7:00 p.m.**	**Peru State College**	**Home**
Fri.	9/24/99	7:00 p.m.	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, Okla.
Sat.	9/25/99	7:00 p.m.	College of the Ozarks	Point Lookout, Mo.
Wed.	9/29/99	3:00 p.m.	Baker Univ./Pittsburg State	Baldwin City, Kan.
Fri.	**10/1/99**	**7:00 p.m.**	**College of St. Mary**	**Home**
Sat.	**10/2/99**	**12:00 p.m.**	**Bellevue University**	**Home**
Tue.	10/5/99	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, Kan.
Fri.	10/8/99	7:00 p.m.	York College	York, Neb.
Sat.	10/9/99	2:00 p.m.	Newman University	Wichita, Kan.
Mon.	**10/11/99**	**5:30 p.m.**	**Mid-America Nazarene Univ.**	**Home**
Fri/Sat.	**10/15-16/99**	**TBA**	**Avila Invitational Tourn**	**Home**
Wed.	10/20/99	5:30 p.m.	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, Mo.
Fri.	**10/22/99**	**7:00 p.m.**	**Bartlesville Wesleyan College**	**Home**
Sat.	**10/23/99**	**7:00 p.m.**	**College of the Ozarks**	**Home**
Tue.	10/26/99	7:30 p.m.	Peru State College	Peru, Neb.
Tue.	**11/2/99**	**7:00 p.m.**	**St. Mary College**	**Home**
Fri.	11/5/99	7:00 p.m.	College of St. Mary	Omaha, Neb.
Sat.	11/6/99	12:00 p.m.	Bellevue University	Bellevue, Neb.
Fri./Sat.	11/12-13/99	TBA	Conference Tournament	

Watch the Eagles Soar

You can follow the Eagles on-line at **www.Avila.edu.**

Women's Soccer

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Wed.	**9/1/99**	**5:00 p.m.**	**William Woods**	**Home**
Sat.	9/4/99	11:00 a.m.	Northwest Mo. State	Maryville, Mo.
Sun.	9/5/99	12:00 p.m.	Huron S.D.	Huron, SD
Wed.	9/8/99	2:00 p.m.	Lindenwood (JV)	St. Louis, Mo.
Thr.	**9/9/99**	**5:00 p.m.**	**Benedictine**	**Home**
Sat.	**9/11/99**	**2:00 p.m.**	**Doanne**	**Home**
Sun.	9/12/99	1:00 p.m.	Harris Stowe	St. Louis, Mo.
Wed.	9/15/99	4:00 p.m.	Graceland	Lamoni, Iowa
Thr.	9/16/99	4:00 p.m.	Baker	Baldwin City, Kan.
Sun.	9/19/99	2:00 p.m.	JCCC (JV)	Overland Park, Kan.
Tue.	9/21/99	4:30 p.m.	William Woods (JV)	Fulton, Mo.
Thr.	9/23/99	5:00 p.m.	William Jewell	Liberty, Mo.
Sat.	**9/25/99**	**2:00 p.m.**	**Ctrl. Christian College**	**Home**
Sat.	**9/25/99**	**4:00 p.m.**	**Mo. Valley (JV)**	**Home**
Sun.	9/26/99	2:00 p.m.	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, Kan
Sat.	**10/2/99**	**4:00 p.m.**	**Missouri Baptist**	**Home**
Wed.	**10/6/99**	**2:00 p.m.**	**Bartlesville Wesleyan**	**Home**
Sat.	**10/9/99**	**1:00 p.m.**	**Newman University**	**Home**
Wed.	**10/13/99**	**3:00 p.m.**	**Lindenwood (JV)**	**Home**
Sat.	10/16/99	10:00 a.m.	Ottawa	Ottawa, Kan.
Sun.	**10/17/99**	**1:00 p.m.**	**College of St. Mary**	**Home**
Sun.	10/17/99	4:00 p.m.	Mo. Valley (JV)	Marshall, Mo.
Sat.	10/23/99	12:00 p.m.	York	York, Neb.
Sun.	10/24/99	12:00 p.m.	Bellevue	Bellevue, Neb.
Tue.	11/2/99	1:00 p.m. 1st round, Conference Tournament		TBA
Fri.	11/5/99	1:00 p.m. 2nd round, Conference Tournament		TBA

Men's Soccer

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Wed.	**9/1/99**	**3:00 p.m.**	**William Woods**	**Home**
Sat.	9/4/99	7:00 p.m.	Lindenwood	St. Charles, Mo.
Mon.	9/6/99	1:00 p.m.	Harris Stowe	St. Louis, Mo.
Thr.	**9/9/99**	**3:00 p.m.**	**Benedictine College**	**Home**
Sat.	9/11/99	3:00 p.m.	Briar Cliff College	Sioux City, Iowa
Sun	9/12/99	3:30 p.m.	Iowa Wesleyan	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Wed.	9/25/99	2:00 p.m.	Graceland College	Lamoni, Iowa
Sun.	9/19/99	2:00 p.m.	Culver-Stockton	Canton, Mo.
Thr.	**9/23/99**	**3:00 p.m.**	**William Jewell College**	**Home**
Sun.	9/26/99	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, Kan.
Tue.	9/28/99	4:00 p.m.	Tabor College	Hillsboro, Kan.
Sat.	**10/2/99**	**2:00 p.m.**	**Missouri Baptist**	**Home**
Wed.	**10/6/99**	**4:00 p.m.**	**Bartlesville Wesleyan College**	**Home**
Sat.	**10/9/99**	**3:00 p.m.**	**Newman University**	**Home**
Sat.	10/16/99	12:00 p.m.	Ottawa University	Ottawa, Kan.
Sat.	10/23/99	2:00 p.m.	York College	York, Neb.
Sun.	10/24/99	2:00 p.m.	Bellevue University	Bellevue, Neb.
Tues.	**10/26/99**	**3:00 p.m.**	**Hannibal Lagrange**	**Home**

1999-2000 GOPPERT THEATER SEASON

For 26 seasons, Goppert Theater has offered some of the best entertainment in the Kansas City area. This year is certainly no exception. Again this season we have selected four great shows highlighting our many years of academic theater excellence.

Avila productions are a culmination of experiences our students receive in BFA Acting, Directing, or Technical Theater degree programs. A commitment to quality performances and extensive professional training ensures that our students are challenged by the highest professional standards.

The Nerd

September 30, October 1 and 2 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — October 3 (2 p.m.)
Dinner theater precedes evening performances on October 2 and 3; please call (816) 942-8400 ext. 2299 for reservations. Additional fee required for dinner.

Tartuffe

November 18, 19 and 20 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — November 21 (2 p.m.)

The Diviners

February 24, 25 and 26 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — February 27 (2 p.m.)

Pippin

April 27, 28 and 29 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — April 30 (2 p.m.)

For show information or to reserve your tickets, call (816) 942-8400 ext. 2299.

THORNHILL GALLERY 1999-2000 SHOWS

Sis Engler
Garden Walk
August 27-September 24, 1999
Thornhill Gallery will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Carrie Cronan
Serenity in Stone
October 1 - October 29, 1999

Conner Burns
"In The Beginning . . ."
Nov. 5 - Dec. 3, 1999
Thornhill Gallery will be closed November 24, 25, and 26.

Thornhill Gallery and Arts at Avila Present: National Scholastic Art Competition
February 7 - February 18, 2000

Group Fibers Show
The Communicative Power of Textiles
March 17 - May 1, 2000
Thornhill Gallery will be closed April 20-23, 2000

Thornhill Gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. Admission is free. For Gallery information, call (816) 942-8400, ext. 2309

Alumni UPDATE

NEWS

1950's

Rose Mary Seaborn Sulzen '57 has retired as the Director of Surgical Services at Saint Joseph Health Center.

1960's

Denise Brennan '62 is the Epidemiology Nurse Specialist for Johnson County Public Health.

Rose McLarney CSJ '62 is Administrator of The Center for Women in Transition in St. Louis. Rose is also active in criminal justice ministries and human rights action service.

Carol Coleman Sulzen '63 is a nurse case manger for American Airlines.

Judy Ficek Guyn '64 is the staff development coordinator for Olathe Medical Center's Homehealth and Hospice areas. Judy belongs to the National Association of HomeCare and National Hospice Organizations.

Phyllis Fehrenbach Kadle '67 is retiring after 30 years as a French teacher in secondary education. Phyllis sends warm regards to Sister Germaine Matter CSJ who inspired her in her early days at Avila!

1970's

Noella DeVolder McCray '70 is an education specialist at KU Hospital and belongs to both national and local chapters of Oncology Nursing societies. She is also an active American Cancer Society volunteer.

Barbara Duff '76 has recently opened up her own law practice in Denver. Her firm's area of concentration is insurance defense as well as training of non-lawyers in the area of dispute resolution and advocacy skills. Barbara also serves on the National Resource Advisory Council of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Carondelet.

Katherine Martin Pyle '76 is on the faculty of Sanford Brown College and is the MLN Workshop Coordinator.

Kathleen Joyce Lyle '77 is an OR nurse in Tulsa and Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserves. Kathleen's military service is at Fleet Hospital 21 in Dallas.

Rose Marie Fowler Swarts '78 and Jeanne (Curry) Wessman are both Assistant Professors of Nursing at Central Missouri State University. Rose is the past president of Lambda Phi and Jeanne is the current president of the chapter.

Sandra Dillinger Lee '79 is a legal nurse consultant for Shorman and Associates. From 1990-1993 Sandra conducted research on Parkinson's Disease.

1980's

Katie Reimann '80 recently retired after 19 years at Saint Joseph Health Center where she spent 11 years in ICU and 8 years in day surgery.

Deborah Largo Mesley '81 is director of Women's and Infant Health Services at Truman Medical Center West and belongs to the National Association of Neonatal Nurses.

Norma Knipp Reedy '81 gave birth to daughter Claire Reedy in March of 1999.

Teresa Liston '89 was promoted to accounting manager by Baird, Kurtz & Dobson recently and **Rodney A. Walsh '79** was promoted to managing consultant. Rodney brings with him 26 years of health care experience.

1990's

Patrick Wood '93 '96 traveled to West Africa to research and develop curriculums with a group of Fulbright-Hays scholars, including Dr. Reulan Levin.

Suellen Hoffmeister Wood '94 received two Masters Degrees recently; Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Religious Studies. Suellen's plans after the ordination exams are uncertain but she will seek a call as a minister in the PCUSA.

Rita Lightfoot Richter '95 is supervisor of nursing at Blue Ridge Family Physicians. She teaches inservice to patients, students and staff and also oversees OSHA safety regulation instruction.

Rebecca Eckart Blomquist '97 works in the KU Burn Unit and is involved in coordinating knowledge with a medical team from the Republic of Kyrgyzstan (formerly a part of the Soviet Union) in relation to burn care.

Rebecca Durham '97 is busy planning her September wedding while working as an R. N. at Independence Regional Health Center.

DEATHS

Kathryn Saeger '37
Kathleen Anne Ryan Bertalotto '44
Victor Amino, Friend of Avila
Kathryn Baxter, Friend of Avila
Alfred Blasco, Friend of Avila
Jeanne Tomelleri,
Former Avila Faculty Member

LOOK FOR AN ALUMNI SURVEY SOON...

In the next few months, you should see a survey in the mail. We're in the process of compiling an up-to-date alumni directory. We appreciate your help in making our records as accurate as possible.

ALUMNI NETWORK READY TO HELP

Avila College is instituting an Alumni Network to take advantage of our greatest resource - our graduates.

The time and talents of our alumni can be used in nearly every department on our campus and in our graduates' communities whether it be Kansas City or other cities. Some activities for your consideration: Senior student mentor, career mentor, assist at college fairs in your community, classroom lecturer, panelist, share hobby or experiences with residence students, volunteer at alumni or campus events, host a foreign student for dinner over a holiday, employment leads, participate in campus events, serve as host, attend athletic events and refer potential donors of service to Avila.

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To participate in the Network: **Call the Alumni Office at 942-8400, e-mail-alumni@mail.avila.edu or write Alumni Office, Avila College, 11901 Wornall Rd., Kansas City MO 64145-1698.** We will send you a form that you may use to indicate your interest. Also, you can check out the list of current events on the Avila website, www.Avila.edu. You, your time and your expertise are very much appreciated at Avila. ■

Visit Avila's website,

www.Avila.edu.

LONGTIME FRIEND, ALFRED J. BLASCO, DIES.

Alfred J. Blasco, Board of Trustee Chairman Emeritus, passed away Sunday, June 20, 1999. Mr. Blasco served 22 years as the first lay chairman of the Avila College Board of Trustees. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Avila College, care of the Advancement Office, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145

RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATED

In addition to the on-going re-painting and re-carpeting of the residence halls, Carondelet and Ridgway Halls can now boast new lighting, upgraded computers (2 on each floor), and an exercise room. Murals are also being painted in the entry ways of both buildings by Junior Art Therapy major DaLene DaPriest.

MENTORS AND ORIENTATION LEADERS

In an attempt to bring more students into leadership roles on campus, returning students have volunteered to serve as Orientation Leaders for Orientation Weekend activities. Orientation Leaders assist in leading orientation events for the student's first weekend on campus.

In the past, Freshmen Mentors have acted as Orientation Leaders. While the Mentors will be working with the Freshmen for the duration of the semester, Orientation Leaders will only serve for the first weekend.

KC FILM FEST SCREENING

Goppert Theater at Avila College will be the site for screening films for the Kansas City Film Fest in October, 1999. The Film Fest runs from October 8 to 14. According to Dr. Ben Meade, assistant professor in communication, those visiting Avila for the screenings will include directors and others who have worked on the featured films.

STUDENTS ENTER NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Three Avila Communication students recently participated in the prestigious National Photographers Association meeting in Overland Park, Kansas. Students attending the August event were Tiffany Bratton, Michael Adams and Rossana Vallazza. The students presented two projects at the meeting.

SEEN HERE AT THE VIEWING WERE (FROM LEFT): MICHAEL ADAMS, ROSSANA VALLAZZA, TIFFANY BRATTON, AND DR. DOTTY HAMILTON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION

Letter from the Alumni President

Dear Alumni,

As your new Alumni Board President, I am pleased to bring you news about the college and about the many projects your Board is working on.

First of all, can you believe there will actually be intercollegiate football at Avila beginning in Fall 2000? You can be sure the excitement on campus is building as the search for a head football coach proceeds and fund-raising for the program moves into gear. In light of the consistent strength of Avila's other athletic programs, I'm betting on our football team to reach a high level of competitiveness in record time.

Just as the vision for football at Avila reflects a specific goal spelled out in our Strategic Plan, so do a number of activities being undertaken by your Alumni Board.

One such goal is the development of stronger ties with Avila's alumni. This goal will be addressed in late Spring/early Summer with the publication of the first alumni directory in ten years. Please watch for your alumni questionnaire this fall. Your participation in the survey is needed! We know you are accomplishing many worthwhile things in a variety of arenas — with your families, in your careers and as community leaders and volunteers. Again, please respond to the alumni questionnaire when you receive it so we can pass along your good news to other alums through this magazine.

Finally, let me underscore your recent invitation to Avila's Homecoming Celebration. My wife, Shelley, '87, and I are both proud Avila alums, and look forward to welcoming you back to campus.

Hope to see you soon!

Neil Kelly, '85, D.D.S.
Alumni Board President

Front Row, left to right: **Association Board Members Linda Moon '93, Leslie Shapiro '81 President Elect, Connie Hubbard '91, Pam Atwell '71, Carole Kennedy '88, Merla Temple '95, Neil Kelly '85 President.**

Back Row: **Jim Huber, Jr '93 '95, Carol Jean Stipetich Defeo '68, Rob Brown '84 Past President, Karen Saar Garrison '87, Mary Cox '73, Greg Lever '85, Kim Wilcox Sheek '82 Secretary, Rudy Gonzalez '79 Vice President and Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73 Director of Development & Alumni relations**

Alumni Events Calendar

October 1999

1st-3rd	Homecoming Weekend
18th	Alumni Executive Board Meeting 6 p.m.
26th	16th Annual Golf Classic
30th	Alumni Basketball Games

November 1999

29th	Alumni Board Meeting 6 p.m.

December 1999

5th	Cocoa and Carols
9th	Avila Advantage Program Food for Finals
13th	Alumni Executive Board Meeting 6 p.m.
14th	Food for Finals

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